

COMMENTS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed June 30, 2006. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-29 were pending before the Examiner with claims 10-29 being withdrawn from consideration. By way of the present response the Applicant has: 1) canceled claims 2-8 and 10-29; 2) amended claims 1 and 9; and, 3) added new claims 30-51. As such claims 1, 9 and 30-51 are now pending. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of claims 1, 9 and 30-51.

In the Office Action mailed 6/30/06 the Examiner indicated that claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the decision finding these claims to be patentable. In response, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the elements recited in claim 5 and its base claims. The Applicant has added new independent claim 39 to effectively recite the elements of claim 6 in independent form. The Applicant has also added independent claims 35 and 48 so as to effectively recite the elements of claims 5 and 6 respectively with additional elements.

Believing all claims to be presently allowable the Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of the same.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert B. O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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